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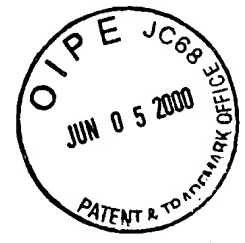
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP98/06694 ✓	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 21, 1998 ✓	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 3, 1997 ✓
TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages -		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. X	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2. -	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3. X	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).	

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Attorney Docket No. 32325-160414

Re: INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/EP98/06694 filed October 21, 1998

Priority Claimed: German Application 197 53 609.3 filed December 3, 1997

Inventors: Walter STOEPLER, Thomas BUCKEL

Title: CATALYTIC CONVERTER, ESPECIALLY FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

Submitted herewith, as the **first submission**, are the following for the purposes of entering the national stage for the USA under 35 U.S.C. 371(c), **immediate national examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) being requested.**

- International Application.
- Amended pages 14-17.
- Translation of International Application and amended pages.

NOTE: Claim pages 18-22 (containing claims 1-17) are to be replaced by the enclosed amended claim pages 18-23 filed in the International Application in response to the International Preliminary Examination Report. For U.S. examination purposes, please use the amended claim pages.

- Inventor Declaration.
- International Preliminary Examination Report.
- Formal drawings (7 sheets, Figs. 1-12).
- Preliminary Amendment to eliminate multiple dependency of claims.
- International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office.
- Assignment with cover sheet.

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